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SUBJECT: HAMM-BRUECHER SEEMS TO HAVE REVEALED LONG-TERM
THINKING OF FDP

1. HEINZ BRANDT, SECRETARY GENERAL OF BAVARIAN FDP, TOLD CONGEN OFFICERS IN CONFIDENCE JANUARY 29 THAT FRAU HAMM-BRUECHER, DEPUTY FEDERAL CHAIRMAN OF FDP, ACTED COMPLETELY ON HER WON IN TELLING MUENCHNER MERKUR CORRESPONDENT JANUARY 23 THAT FDP NEEDS TO MOVE AWAY FROM PRESENT CLOSE EMBRACE OF FDP IN ORDER TO BE FREE TO FORM COALITIONS WITH CDU ON BOTH LAENDER AND FEDERAL LEVELS. ALTHOUGH FDP CHAIRMAN GENSCHER WAS UNHAPPY WITH HAMM-BRUECHER'S INDISCRETION AND DENIED THAT FDP WAS THINKING ALONG LINES OF HER STATEMENTS TO MERKUR, SHE WAS, SAID BRANDT, ARTICULATING PUBLICLY AND PREMATURELY FDP LEADERSHIP'S INTENDED STRATEGY FOLLOWING 1976 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS.

2. IN ABOVE CONTEXT, BRANDT MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF FDP OVERTURES TOWARD CREATION OF CDU/FDP COALITION IN HESSE SOMETIME AFTER 1976 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS BUT BEFORE 1980 BUNDESTAG ELECTIONS. BRANDT THOUGHT FDP COALITION ON FEDERAL LEVEL WITH CDU POSSIBLE AND EVEN LIKELY IN AFTERMATH OF 1980 ELECTIONS.PETERSON

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